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The following is WWLP programming addressing Crime during the 1st quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 01/02/10 9am : 30

Springfield police say a 21 year-old man was using his parents' house to store goods he stole from a Forest Park home. Springfield Police Sergeant Richard LaBelle told 22News that just before midnight officers arrested Joseph Montero at his parents' home at 23 Blodgett Street. LaBelle says Montero was seen earlier driving away from a house he allegedly broke into around 10 o'clock. Officers allegedly found several electronic items inside Montero's parents' house including a 32 inch flat screen TV. He's now facing two felony charges including breaking and entering. He's been released on bail.

News 01/05/10 12pm : 30

In Hartford a woman is facing charges of risk of injury to minors and leaving children unattended for allegedly leaving her three children inside a car during below-freezing temperatures. West Hartford police say 26 year-old Simone Harris left her one, two, and nine year-old children in the car outside the BJ's Wholesale club on Monday for at least 14 minutes and possibly much longer. Police say the car wasn't running and it was about 29 degrees outside at the time. The children are now living with their grandmother.

News 01/06/10 11pm : 30

Police in Wilbraham are searching for a suspect who robbed a convenience store tonight. According to a news release from the Wilbraham Police, the clerk at Convenience Plus on Boston Road called 911 around 6:30 tonight. The clerk said a man entered the store and demanded cash but no weapon was shown.

News 01/06/10 12pm : 30

Police in Westfield are looking for the suspects that broke into Richards Jewelers this morning at the Westfield Shops and ransacked the store. Lt. Hipolito Nunez told 22News police received a call at 2:30 this morning. The front door and all the jewelry cases were smashed opened and everything was taken. Lt. Nunez says police are certain it's more than one person. If you have any information on this robbery you can call the Westfield Police Department at (413) 572-6400.

News 01/06/10 5pm : 30

A thief or thieves scored big last night after breaking into a Springfield skating rink. But they weren't playing hockey. They were allegedly stealing stuff from lockers at Smead Arena in

Blunt Park. The stolen goods belonged to members of the Longmeadow High School Junior Varsity Hockey team and West Springfield's Junior Varsity team who were playing each other. The locker room bandits got away with \$2,000 worth of cell phones and cash according to Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney. Police said they have leads, but no arrests.

News **01/07/10** **12pm** **: 30**

A man tried to rob the Bank of Western Massachusetts in Springfield today, but fled before he got any cash. According to a news release from Springfield Police, officers responded to a bank robbery alarm around 11 a.m. Witnesses told police that the suspect approached a bank teller, said he had a gun, and demanded money. Someone in the bank yelled at him and he fled the scene in a green colored Chevy Impala. The suspect is described as a black man, about 6 foot 4 inches, in his late 30's, wearing dark clothes, sunglasses, and sporting a pony tail. If you have any information, you are asked to call Springfield Detectives at 787-6355.

News **01/08/10** **5am** **: 30**

Police in Springfield are conducting a criminal investigation against four colleagues involved in a traffic stop in which a white officer beat a black suspect with a flashlight. The investigations began when Melvin Jones III was being treated for fractured bones in his face, a broken finger and a partially blind eye stemming from the Nov. 27 incident. Sgt. John Delaney said late last night that patrolman Jeffery Asher is seen on video shot by a witness beating Jones with a flashlight. Three other officers were there during the incident. Asher was suspended for six months without pay in 1997 when another video showed him kicking a black suspect who had already been subdued by two other officers.

News **01/08/10** **5am** **: 30**

New this morning, there was another attack on a pizza delivery driver in Springfield. Sgt. Sean Arpin told 22news that Yusef Rudchenko was delivering to 15 Litchfield Street around 11 p.m. when the attack happened. That address didn't exist. But then a male and female came out of a nearby apartment building, sprayed what appeared to be pepper spray in his eyes and took 40 dollars from his pocket. The driver works at the Dominoes on Sumner Avenue which closed early after the attack. In December 2007 Dominos pizza delivery driver Corey Lind was kidnapped and murdered. Alex Morales is currently serving two consecutive life sentences for his murder.

News **01/09/10** **6am** **: 30**

A Lynn couple has been accused of selling the identities of TSA workers at Logan International Airport. Tina White and Michael Washington were arrested December 9. The pair sold stolen names, Social Security numbers and birth dates for at least 16 Transportation and Security Administration workers. Court documents reveal they allegedly received the stolen names from Washington's niece, who worked in the TSA human resources department

at Logan. Both suspects are currently being held on bail. The TSA says they are helping victimized workers get free credit reports to ensure their information is secure.

News **01/10/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Six western mass men allegedly crossed the border into Connecticut, and broke into several cars. Suffield Police arrested the men for allegedly breaking into cars and stealing items from the vehicles this past summer. Back on August 23rd, police pulled over the car they were riding in and found several stolen items in the vehicle. According to a news release from the Suffield Police Department, police arrested Matthew Williams, Michael Greco and Nicholas Daniels from Southwick. Police have also arrested Andrew and Matthew Bishop from Westfield, and Christopher Wadsworth from Agawam. They've been charged with felony burglary and larceny.

News **01/11/10** **12pm** **: 30**

A 27-year old woman has been arrested after going on a wild rampage outside a nightclub in Springfield. According to Sgt. John Delaney Brittany Lopez was asked to leave the Zone nightclub in Springfield around 2 a.m. because she was causing a disturbance. Sgt. Delaney says Lopez then went on a rampage smashing car windows in front of the club. She cut her hand during the incident. Lopez was arrested and taken to the hospital for treatment where she continued to act out. She is scheduled to be arraigned today on charges of disorderly conduct.

News **01/12/10** **5pm** **: 30**

At least three shots hit their target in a brazen broad-daylight drive-by shooting in Springfield. The New Year is barely underway, and Springfield police are investigating one of the first drive-by shootings of 2010. The shooting happened around 1:00 this afternoon near Dickinson Street and Leyfred Terrace. Springfield Police John Delaney told 22News someone opened fire on a man in his mid-thirties. He was shot at least three times in the leg, rib and abdomen. The victim ran to Orange Street and collapsed. Sgt. Delaney said an officer was working a road detail close by and heard the gun shots and immediately responded. The victim was transported to Baystate Medical Center. Police are trying to find witnesses, but because it is so cold outside they are having a hard time finding people that would have been outside at the time of the shooting. If you have any information you are asked to call the Springfield Police Department.

News **01/14/10** **6pm** **: 30**

An armed home invasion in South Hadley is raising concerns. Chief Labrie of the South Hadley Police Department doesn't believe this was a random home invasion. But he wouldn't reveal the connection between the suspects and victims. They were alerted to the home invasion when a 16 year old boy and his friend called 911 saying two masked men held them up at gun point. They demanded money but when the boys told them they didn't have any money they took electronics instead.

News **01/16/10** **6am** **: 30**

A Connecticut School Superintendent is under arrest for allegedly touching two female school principals inappropriately. Milford Superintendent Harvey Polansky was arrested yesterday on charges of fourth-degree sexual contact and breach of peace. Polansky had been on paid leave which was ordered by the school board days after the two female principals filed sexual harassment complaints. His lawyer predicts that he'll be vindicated.

News **01/19/10** **3pm** **: 30**

The Hadley police department is asking for your help to find the man who robbed a local grocery store. South Hadley police say the man grabbed about \$253 worth of merchandise from Stop and Shop, and ran from the store without paying. The store's security guards chased him, and he dropped the items but made a clean getaway. If you have any information please call the Hadley police department at 413-584-0883.

News **01/23/10** **3pm** **: 30**

West Springfield detectives need your help to close in on a thief who's been on a shopping spree with a stolen credit card during the past month. West Springfield police need your help finding this man; they believe he's been going from store to store in a white car. Detective Jay Gearing told 22News, the man in the Jets jacket made some rather pricy purchases. If you have any information, please call 263-3210, extension 243.

News **01/26/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A scary situation in Holyoke where police say a man threatened to blow up his house. It happened around 11 a.m. at 25 Gilman Street. Lieutenant Michael Higgins says police blocked off neighboring streets and evacuated homes as a precaution. He was able to go inside the house where the 64-year old kept several oxygen tanks and talked him down. The man, whose name isn't being released, was taken to Baystate Medical Center for a psychiatric evaluation. Police won't file any charges.

News **01/27/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking news out of Chicopee, where police appear to have solved an armed robbery within an hour or so. We just got off the phone with police moments ago. Captain Tom Charette told 22news, the man used a gun to rob Hank's Variety at 457 Granby Road. He got away with cash and cigarettes. Captain Charette says a police dog was called in to search the woods nearby. Police say they caught the suspect just before news time.

News **01/27/10** **12pm** **: 30**

A man from Holyoke has been arrested and charged with kidnapping, rape, and assault and battery. Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22News two officers made the arrest after

being sent to 595 Northampton Street just after midnight early this morning. The victim told police 44 year old Ricky Thomas tried to make her perform sexual acts but she refused. As soon as he left the room she jumped through a window on the second floor where she ran to a neighbor's house and called police. She was eventually taken to the Holyoke Medical Center for treatment for a fractured vertebrae and a concussion. She's in stable condition. Chief Scott describes Thomas as a career criminal with a record dating back to 1991.

News **01/27/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Police are looking for a suspect wanted in connection with an un-armed bank hold-up in Ludlow this morning. The suspect allegedly held up the Citizens Bank, on Center Street around 10 a.m., that's according to a news release from the Ludlow Police Department. He got away with an undetermined amount of cash. The suspect is a white male, with curly brown hair. He was wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt, and gray sweat pants. It was also reported that the subject may have been wearing a blue hat and glasses prior to entering the bank. The suspect fled on foot and was seen heading into the woods, if you know anything about this robbery, you can call the Ludlow Police Department.

News **01/27/10** **5pm** **: 30**

22News cameras were rolling when a suspect was taken into custody early this morning after a wild police chase through two communities. Springfield police Sgt. John Delaney told 22News, the chase began in Springfield after police pulled over a 2001 Jaguar that was reported stolen. Delaney said when officers approached the car; the driver took off, nearly striking them. According to Delaney, the alleged driver identified at Jerry Frank of Springfield was arrested a short time later hiding in a West Springfield motel room. He faces numerous charges.

News **01/29/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield police say they've made a significant arrest to stop the flow of heroin into the north end. Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22News police raided 101 Lowell Street today. They arrested 27 year old Gerald Figueroa-Garcia, 37 year old Omar Figueroa-Garcia, and 48 year old Jorge Crespo. Seized in the raid; 154 bags of heroin and \$5,000 in cash.

News **01/29/10** **12pm** **: 30**

Holyoke police are investigating the suspicious death of a man found lying on a city street. Police say they responded to a report at about 3 a.m. of a man "sleeping" in the street. Police Captain Arthur Monfette told 22news the victim 28-year-old Shaun Tiago was already dead suffering from apparent head wounds when officers arrived on Newton Street. Captain Monfette says the incident is a homicide but they're awaiting autopsy reports before making a final determination. Captain Monfette says Tiago lived at 6 Watson Street in Chicopee.

News **01/30/10** **9am** **: 30**

Four people have been arrested in connection with a murder in Holyoke. The victim was found shot to death lying in the middle of the street. Investigators used video from two crime cameras here in the area of Newton Street where the victim was found to track down those suspects. Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22News that early Friday morning, 28 year old Shaun Tiago from Chicopee was found shot several times in the head, lying in the middle of Newton Street. Video from those crime cameras showed a car pull up to the intersection of Newton and Essex Street, one of the suspects got out and dropped the victim off onto the street, got back in and the vehicle with four people inside took off. That vehicle was later found abandoned. 17 hours after the crime police arrested these four men, Angel Gozalez, Luis Soto, Felipe Gonzalez and Miguel Roman. All have been charged with murder. Chief Scott said the victim and all four of these suspects were at the Mambo Cafe and Bar earlier in the night sometime after leaving the bar, the victim was shot. Chief Scott said the victim had a long rap sheet, with 17 separate arraignments ranging from assault and battery charges to armed robbery.

News **01/30/10** **9am** **: 30**

Springfield police say 15 of the city's top-level drug dealers are off the streets this morning. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22News, officers seized an AK-47 assault rifle and a 44 caliber handgun during yesterday morning's raid. Delaney says city police along with state police and the D.E.A. had been working on the case since last year.

News **02/01/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We're hearing from the mother of one of the two infants involved in a wild chase through Springfield overnight. She's condemning her brother for putting her son's life in danger. And tonight, while her son and niece are in state custody, her brother is in a Holyoke jail cell. Police swarmed the Jeep on Interstate 91 early Sunday morning in Springfield, its tires blown out and two Connecticut men under arrest. That's after two babies on board were taken for a wild ride, say police. The boy's mother, Omayra Serrano told 22News her brother, along with her niece's father was coming from a friend's house in Holyoke. When police tried pulling over the driver Rafael Rodriguez allegedly sped off. Holyoke Lt. Michael Higgins told 22News, the police pursuit reached speeds of 100 miles per hour. All while Serrano's 1 year old son and 9 month old niece were riding unrestrained inside. Rafael Rodriguez is locked up on a slew of violations and the boy's uncle, Geraldo Santiago taken in on drug charges. The children were taken to Holyoke medical center and are now in state custody. The two men are in Holyoke Police custody and face an arraignment tomorrow.

News **02/01/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

A local man attacked a police officer during a drug bust in downtown Springfield. Sgt. John Delaney says that late last night police caught city resident Cheldon Greene selling drugs to Marvin Simmons in the hallway of a Worthington Street apartment. Police chased down Simmons, who fought back during his arrest. Police charged the Springfield man with assault and battery of a police officer, and possession of crack cocaine. Police then arrested Greene and charged him with distribution of crack cocaine, and violation of a drug free school zone.

News **02/03/10** **5am** **: 30**

Police in Westford are investigating a deadly family dispute. Authorities say a man shot his teenage daughter to death, tried to kill his wife, and then turned the gun on himself Monday night. The Middlesex district attorney's office says 59-year-old Brian Marchand and 17-year-old Olivia Marchand were found dead inside the house. 50-year-old Jody Marchand was flown to a hospital where she is in critical condition.

News **02/03/10** **12pm** **: 30**

A teen formerly accused in connection with the murder of Mario Hornsby Junior has been arrested for carjacking a pizza delivery driver in Springfield. 19 year old Keison Cuffee turned himself into police Tuesday night. According to Sgt. John Delaney, Cuffee dropped his cell phone after pistol whipping the driver and then stealing his money and car. The phone led police to Cuffee who they had been searching for since the weekend. Cuffee will appear in court in Springfield this afternoon. Cuffee was one of the suspects arrested in connection with the murder of basketball star Mario Hornsby Junior in 2008. Charges against him were dropped this past August because prosecutors said they did not have enough evidence to convict him.

News **02/03/10** **5pm** **: 30**

An East Longmeadow man is under arrest for the attempted un-armed robbery of a Springfield bank this morning. According to Sgt. John Delaney, 42-year old Charles Watts was arrested at the Citizens Bank at 950 Main Street after allegedly passing a note to a teller demanding money. According to Delaney, a walking patrol officer rushed to the bank after the call came in. And he was able to take the suspect into custody while he was still in the bank.

News **02/04/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A Chicopee man is accused of robbing a Country Bank branch in Palmer. A news release from the Palmer police department says officers arrested 24 year old Gary Laviolette at the Big Y on Thorndike Street, about an hour after the bank robbery. Laviolette is being held on \$100,000 cash bail and will be arraigned on armed robbery charges tomorrow morning.

News **02/04/10** **12pm** **: 30**

We start with new information from Westfield, where a woman was murdered and her boyfriend is the prime suspect. Westfield Police Lt. Hippolito Nunez told 22News the victim is 51 year old Alice Connors of 30 Northridge Road. Police arrested 51 year old James Kenyon of the same address and have charged him with murder. Lt. Nunez told 22News that police received a 911 call at 11:30 last night from Kenyon saying he had killed his girlfriend. Police found Kenyon outside the home and found Connors body inside. According to Lt. Nunez Connors was strangled with a belt that was found around her neck. He told 22news there

were no previous domestic calls from the Northridge Road home and police are trying to determine a motive.

News **02/05/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A man who allegedly tried to steal 75 bottles of body lotion by stuffing them in his pants couldn't make a smooth getaway. Springfield Police Sgt John Delany says 30-year-old Chamil Guadarrama was caught trying to steal the lotion from Bath and Body works at the Eastfield mall last night. Delaney says Guadarrama couldn't even bend over to get in the police cruiser until some of the bottles were removed.

News **02/07/10** **7am** **: 30**

Springfield marks its first murder of 2010. Now, police continue to search suspects after the deadly shooting. Police Captain Lee Bennett said the victim was shot at 55 James Street around 10 last night. The victim was rushed to Baystate Medical Center, where that person later died. Police have not released many details about the circumstances surrounding the shooting or the victim. Not only is this Springfield's first murder of the year, it is the city's first murder since October. Again, police are still searching for suspects.

News **02/12/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Chicopee police are asking local businesses to be on the lookout for some funny money. Chicopee Police Chief John Ferraro Junior told 22News, 45-hundred dollars in fake 20's were seized from a Chicopee man's home. The joint effort between local police and the FBI also uncovered a printer and office paper that were allegedly used to make the fake cash. The suspect, Roberto Molina Junior was allegedly selling the money and at this point, it's not clear just how much more is circulating.

News **02/20/10** **6am** **: 30**

New this morning, a frightening night for a Springfield couple after two men allegedly forced their way into their home and pistol whipped them before driving off with money and their car. It happened around 1 o'clock this morning at 63 Silver Street. Springfield Police Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News two armed men forced their way into the home and demanded that the couple stay in a bathroom while they robbed the house. Dexheimer says the couple was shaken up but okay. Police are now searching for two Hispanic men who were wearing black masks at the time of the robbery.

News **02/21/10** **7am** **: 30**

Another Springfield pizza delivery driver is the victim of an armed robbery in the city, this time his car was stolen. Springfield Police Lieutenant Kevin Wood told 22News the Six Corners Pizza driver was making a delivery on Worthington Street around 2 a.m. when two black men threatened him with a gun and a knife and stole his money, and then one of them jumped in

his car. The delivery driver's stolen car is a green 1996 Chevy Blazer with Massachusetts plate 9-7-P-W-86. If you have any information, please call the Springfield police.

News **02/25/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A Springfield convenience store clerk managed to scare away a would-be robber simply by telling him "no." Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22News 30-year old Melvin Rivera walked into the Tedeschi Food Mart on Belmont Avenue last night paid for a few things but then pulled out what looked a handgun and demanded money. When the clerk said no, Rivera just walked out. Officers caught up with him just down the street. The handgun turned out to be a BB-gun pistol.

News **02/26/10** **12pm** **: 30**

Two men from Springfield have been found guilty of killing their friend's mother just after they had robbed her home. Maxwell Wiggins and Swinkles Laporte were found guilty of first-degree murder and other charges after three days of deliberations by a Hampden County Superior Court jury. Prosecutors say the 20-year-old men shot 46-year-old Tracy Bennett outside her home as she returned from a night out in August 2007. According to the republican of Springfield the suspects were friends with Bennett's son and had been to her home many times. They ran into her after robbing her son inside the home. Sentencing is scheduled for Monday.

News **02/27/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Just across the state line in Suffield, Connecticut, a man reportedly broke into his ex-girlfriends apartment early this morning on Boston Neck, terrorizing her and her children. Suffield Police Sgt. Thomas Van Tasel told 22News the woman called 911 without her ex knowing. Police charged Clifton Milner of Hartford with home invasion. He was reportedly carrying a knife, and didn't go into custody without a fight. The previous day Milner allegedly threatened to kill the woman. He's being held under five hundred thousand dollars bail.

News **02/27/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Gunmen riddled a house with nearly a dozen bullets in Springfield's Mason Square neighborhood early this morning. There were five children in the house and luckily no one was hit. Springfield police Lt. Robert Moynihan told 22News, one of the bullets was imbedded in the kitchen floor at 145 Cambridge Street. The burst of gunfire broke out around 2:30 a.m. Lt. Moynihan admitted that police don't have much to work with since the family living there is not being cooperative.

News **03/01/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A dangerous fugitive has been taken off the streets of Holyoke. In a news release sent to 22news Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott says officers arrested 43 year old Angel Arzola of Camden New Jersey during a traffic stop on Main Street Friday night. A background check

found that Arzola was wanted for murder in Hartford. Chief Scott says Arzola was carrying ammunition, a knife and a loaded handgun was discovered in the car.

News **03/01/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Four men were arraigned this afternoon in connection with a home invasion in Chicopee last night. Chicopee Police Chief John Ferraro Jr. told 22News, Orlando Andujar and Jorvani Acevedo of Springfield were arrested after being pulled over in a stolen vehicle in Chicopee. Police also arrested Reynaldo Camacho and Martin Martinez of Tampa, Florida. They were arraigned at Chicopee district court this afternoon. They're facing charges ranging from home invasion to larceny of motor vehicles.

News **03/02/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A UMASS student has been arrested, accused of breaking in to a rather unusual place. In a news release to 22news, the Amherst police department said 20 year old Daniel Carley of Walpole broke into the North Pleasant Street post office branch. Police say they caught Carley running from the building around 4:30 Saturday morning.

News **03/02/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Amherst police have arrested two brothers accused of vandalizing veterans gravesites in Franklin County. In a news release to 22news, Amherst Police Lieutenant Ronald Young said Mark and Stanley Kulkewicz were arrested this morning in Montague. Lieutenant Young told 22news the brothers stole dozens of brass veteran's plaques from burial sites in the north Amherst cemetery. The men have been charged with larceny over \$250, and larceny from a grave.

News **03/03/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Holyoke police say they've taken 11 dangerous drug dealers off the street. In a news release sent to 22news, Chief Anthony Scott said the arrests were the result of a several month investigation. Police confiscated 657 bags of heroin, with a street value of 65-hundred dollars, 33 bags of marijuana, a semi-automatic pistol with ammunition and more than 2-thousand dollars in cash.

News **03/07/10** **7am** **: 30**

State police say they've arrested a would-be red bull bandit. State Police Lieutenant Audrey Blake told 22News 27 year-old John Sullivan allegedly tried to make off with an entire cart full of the energy drink at Stop and Shop on Liberty street just before 8:30 last night. After being spotted by police, Sullivan jumped in his car and sped away police caught up with him an hour later. Sullivan's facing several charges including shoplifting he's being sent back to Delaware where he was wanted on a warrant.

News **03/09/10** **5am** **: 30**

A man from Springfield is recovering after being attacked and robbed. Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22news that a man returned home to St. James Avenue around 3 a.m. when two Hispanic men attacked him. Dexheimer said he was assaulted with a brick and a screwdriver. He managed to fight them off but they stole a watch and some money from him. Police are still looking for the two men.

News **03/09/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Police now say a Springfield man may have been involved with the murder of a former High School Basketball star. Terrance Brown is wanted in connection with the death of 26-year-old Jahada Martin. Martin was stabbed in the parking lot of a Pittsfield Burger King early Saturday. He died at a hospital later that day. Two other suspects have already been charged in connection with his murder.

News **03/10/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking news out of Feeding Hills where a manhunt is underway for a suspect wanted for allegedly firing several shots at a neighbor's home. It all started around 8:30 p.m. State police trooper Jonathan Bray told 22news, an allegedly drunk man walked up to a home on North Westfield Street and asked for someone inside. The residents told the man that he had the wrong house. The suspect returned shortly there after and fired several rounds at the house with a hand gun. Trooper bray says the suspect fled on foot. State police are currently assisting police in Agawam with the search. The air wing was being used but has since come down. A k-9 unit is also searching nearby woods. The suspect is described as a white male in his mid 20's, around 5'10", wearing a yellow hoodie and jeans. If you see this suspect, trooper Bray says to call the police. He is considered armed and dangerous.

News **03/11/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A third suspect is under arrest in connection with a deadly stabbing in Pittsfield. Springfield police spokesperson John Delany said officers on routine patrol on this morning on Longview Street noticed 26-year-old Terrance Brown ducking inside a vehicle. Brown is one of three suspects in the death of 26-year-old Jahada Martin, who was found, stabbed in the parking lot of a Pittsfield Burger King early Saturday. He died at a hospital later in the day.

News **03/11/10** **5pm** **: 30**

The man wanted for a shooting incident in Feeding Hills is under arrest. Agawam Police Lt. Richard Light told 22News 31 year old Edward Demers was arrested around noon at the Springfield Bus Station. According to Light, he was attempting to flee to Wisconsin. Demers allegedly fired a BB gun at a former co-worker Tuesday. The incident resulted in a massive manhunt involving State and Agawam Police.

News **03/14/10** **7am** **: 30**

One Springfield teen is dead and another is recovering from a stab wound after a fight broke out late last night at a Springfield nightclub. Captain Charles Arpin told 22News that two 17 year olds were stabbed last night at what was believed to be a birthday party at Blue Fusion at 487 St. James Avenue. This happened a little after 11p.m. last night. One teen was stabbed in the neck and was pronounced dead at Baystate Medical Center. The other was stabbed in the arm and is recovering. Police told 22News that a bunch of 16 to 20 year olds from Springfield and surrounding areas were at the party when the fight broke out. They don't know what provoked the fight. So far no arrests have been made and police are interviewing witnesses.

News **03/15/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A Springfield convenience store clerk got a scare of a lifetime this morning. The clerk behind the counter at Wheelers convenience store was shot in the stomach just before noon. Springfield police Sgt. John Delaney told 22news, a masked person walked into this store on Dickinson Street armed with a handgun. The suspect demanded money. The clerk hesitated and that's when the suspect shot the clerk, jumped over the counter and made off with cash. The clerk is listed in good condition at Baystate Medical Center. Police are searching for the suspect.

News **03/16/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Police in Enfield Connecticut are investigating a drug heist that may be the largest theft in the town's history. Police say somewhere between 50 and 75 million dollars in prescription painkillers and other drugs were stolen from the Enfield office of drug company Eli Lilly. Enfield's police chief says someone cut a hole in the roof to get inside.

News **03/17/10** **5am** **: 30**

72 hours after the murder of 17 year old Conor Reynolds, the man allegedly responsible is behind bars. Sgt. John Delaney told 22news that 20 year old Eric Denson of Springfield was arrested at 11:00 last night at his home. Denson is being charged with murder and assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon. A news conference will be held this morning at 10:00 at Springfield Police Headquarters to give us more details about the arrest. The senior from Cathedral high school was stabbed to death Saturday night outside the Blue Fusion Bar and Grill.

News **03/18/10** **5pm** **: 30**

22News cameras were rolling this morning as a man wanted for a violent home invasion in Springfield was spotted minutes later trying to jump from the Memorial Bridge. This was the chaotic scene on the bridge around 7:30 a.m. Sgt. John Delaney told 22news "40-year old Calvin Williams" was about to leap into the Connecticut River but authorities managed to talk him down to safety. Earlier Williams allegedly stabbed a man on Cortland Street in the back, stole his car and took off. He was arrested and faces several charges including assault and

battery with a dangerous weapon and larceny of a motor vehicle. The victim was treated for the stab wound and is expected to be ok.

News **03/20/10** **6am** **: 30**

A man is dead after another violent night in Springfield, marking the cities third murder in just a week. Springfield police Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News they think he was shot a block away from where he and his car were found. Shell casings were found at Taft and Woodlawn Streets. His car crashed into a parked car and a fence just a block away at 31 Woodlawn St. Captain Dexheimer told 22News the Springfield man was shot in his side. He says they think he took off in his car after he was shot but crashed when he couldn't control it anymore. Neighbors here say the violence in this neck of the woods has only gotten worse over the years.

News **03/21/10** **9am** **: 30**

Springfield police say two masked men allegedly broke into an apartment just blocks away from the police station and pistol whipped a woman inside before they made off with her computer. Springfield Police Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News the men were carrying handguns when they broke into the apartment at 192 Pearl Street before 12:30 this morning. Dexheimer says the men demanded money and hit the woman in the face with a gun before they ran off with her laptop. Not much is known about the suspects other than that they were described as being African American men standing about 5' 11" tall.

News **03/23/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Springfield police say they are investigating a major crime this morning. Details are limited at this hour but initial reports indicate there were shots fired during a home invasion on Benton Street last night. All that Capt. Charles Arpin would say is that they are working on a major crime there. So far, no word on how many shots were fired or if anyone got hurt. A 22-year-old woman was murdered in her home last night marking the city's fourth murder in less than two weeks. Police say witnesses led them to the suspect, "23-year-old Anthony Moore" of Canterbury Road in Springfield. He was arrested and arraigned in court this morning. According to police, Moore and an accomplice broke into Margaret Przewozniak's home at 28 Benton Street and shot her twice around 9:30 last night. The string of violence was unsettling for neighbors.

News **03/25/10** **12pm** **: 30**

Southwick Police are looking for the man who robbed the Notch Travel Center on the College Highway. Southwick Police Dispatcher Robert Eak told 22News a weapon was shown. Police are searching for a man between 5" and 5" feet 4', wearing a green hoodie. The armed robbery happened at 3:30 a.m.

News **03/26/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Breaking News out of Longmeadow where two masked men barged into a Bank and helped themselves to the cash. Longmeadow Police Sgt. Marc Sandler told 22News two men, wearing masks, hoodies and gloves, rushed into the Williams Street TD Bank branch with baseball bats just before closing time at eight o'clock. Sgt. Sandler said one of the robbers violently slammed a bat on the counter and ordered the two bank workers to the rear of the building. One of the robbers hopped over the counter and they grabbed as much cash as they could before running out to their getaway car. No one was hurt. State Police and the FBI are assisting Longmeadow detectives.

News

03/27/10

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A young man is lucky to be alive this morning after what was supposed to be a happy occasion took a turn for the worst. About 100 people in their early 20s got together at 387 Oakland Street last night for a party. But it immediately got out of hand when a young man standing on the porch was reportedly shot in his back. Around the same time someone else at the party was pistol whipped. Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News by the time police got to the home the party was totally out of control. Seven gunshots had set off the shot spotter and neighbors were also calling in. Luckily, the young man who was shot was taken to Baystate Medical center and is expected to be ok. He told police, he didn't see anything and doesn't know who shot him. Police are interviewing witnesses to try and figure out who's responsible for the shooting. Four people were arrested for disorderly conduct. No one has been arrested for the shooting.

News

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Police think they've caught the men responsible for using baseball bats to hold up a bank in Longmeadow last week before making off with hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash. The two alleged baseball bat bank thieves were ironically caught just outside of Fenway Park in Boston. Police arrested Tom and Bill Murphy in Boston yesterday. The duo allegedly robbed the TD Bank on Williams street in Longmeadow, Thursday night. According to two bank tellers, two masked men came into the bank Thursday night with baseball bats just before closing time, demanding money. They reportedly jumped over the teller counter, entering the vault area, stealing more than 300 thousand dollars cash. Police think the men paid off a friend to drive them to Boston. Bill Murphy is being held without the right to bail. Tom is being held on \$250,000 bail. They're expected to be arraigned on charges of armed robbery while masked Monday morning.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Education during the 1st quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 01/10/10 9am : 30

Soon it could mean more than just a six hour day for school students in Massachusetts, that's if Governor Patrick gets his way. The Governor is hoping to advance a series of education reforms using federal grant money. By doubling the number of Charter Schools in the district and bringing in so-called Innovation Schools, the state could be eligible for about \$250,000,000 from the feds. If the state were to get the grant money, Governor Patrick said he will use that funding to extend the day across underperforming districts.

News 01/25/10 6pm : 30

A Springfield Charter School facing cheating accusations is set to learn its fate. The state Board of Education is scheduled to vote tomorrow on Commissioner Mitchell Chester's recommendation to close the Robert Hughes Academy. Chester said an investigation of the Charter School found "pervasive, systematic cheating" by staff during the 2009 MCAS exams. If the charter is revoked, the school would be forced to close by the end of June. School representatives haven't returned our calls for comment.

News 01/26/10 5pm : 30

A local Charter School will be forced to shut down at the end of the school year following a cheating scandal. An investigation revealed that staff members at the Robert M. Hughes Academy helped students cheat on last year's MCAS test. Administrators from the school said there have been major changes since that incident, including a change in the school's board and a new principal. However, the board unanimously voted to revoke the school's charter. Those who chose the school for their children and grandchildren were outraged over the decision.

News 02/12/10 5pm : 30

A Ludlow teacher is in trouble with the school and the state after irregularities were found in several MCAS exams she was proctoring. Last month, a school official found questionable results in the math portion of five of the tests they submitted to the state and as the investigation continues, the teacher has been placed on paid leave. Superintendent of Schools Theresa Kane told 22News she's angered and disappointed.

News 02/18/10 5pm : 30

Smith College is getting attention for a unique course they're offering this semester. "Pet's" is the name of the class and it's all about studying the relationships between humans and their animals. It's a subject that's entertaining and engaging to all who take it. Smith College, known for serious scholastics, has gone to the dogs. This unusual class studies something that is very usual in human culture, our relationship with animals. Professor Joralemon came up with the idea for this class on his own because he loves pets. And his students love him, they say he's the reason this class is so fascinating. They also study the history of pets and how much Americans spend on them according to Professor Joralemon that's about 43 billion dollars a year. Fun facts like that keep students coming back for more. And this class isn't just an elective. It's a requirement for anthropology majors. While its focus is on pets, it ultimately teaches students how to do research on culture.

News **03/04/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Dozens of underperforming schools in the bay state are being given an ultimatum: Start making dramatic improvements or face a future takeover by the state. About 17,000 students attend the schools, which are mostly in Springfield and Boston. The schools have been evaluated on a set of criteria including low Math and English scores and the number of students failing to graduate. If they're unable to improve their performance in three years, they will face state receivership. The superintendent of public schools in Springfield held a news conference today to address these concerns.

News **03/05/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Five Springfield principals are being forced to step down after the state ruled that their schools are not making the grade. And they're just a few of the schools locally that have fallen behind. Most students are working hard at school but the state says too many aren't working hard enough. A high number of dropouts and low test scores have lead to this classroom crisis. Ten schools in Springfield and two in Holyoke make up a third of the schools statewide that have gotten a failing grade by the state. Commerce High School is just one not making the grade. In five of the Springfield schools named the principals will be replaced. Springfield superintendent Alan Ingram says this won't be another case, like what happened at Central Falls High School in Rhode Island, where the entire staff was fired. He says the problem shouldn't be pinpointed only on the administrators. Not good enough in Holyoke Dean Tech and Morgan Elementary School. With the low marks, each school could get a \$500,000 federal grant to get above the curve. If all else fails the schools risk being taken over by the state.

News **03/10/10** **5pm** **: 30**

An elementary school in Wilbraham could soon close its doors under a new plan to restructure schools. Under the plan, second and third graders would be assigned to Stony Hill; fourth and fifth graders would be at Soule Road School, while sixth graders would move to the middle school. Closing Memorial could save the town over \$750,000 each year. The superintendent says that under the new model, the class curriculum will better match student's individual needs and contrary to parents concerns, keep class sizes smaller. But

the thought of losing an elementary school still isn't sitting right with parents. They'll have a chance to voice their concerns on the issue during three public information sessions at the high school. And, the first of those public information sessions is March 15th at 7:00 pm. Two others will be held March 19th at 1:00 pm and March 24th at 7:00 pm.

News **03/15/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Easthampton High School has a special program to teach their students a lesson outside of school. The School-to-Career program allows students to go to work for a grade. Big E's in Easthampton is one of the top employers for this program. Nina Patnod is a senior in Easthampton and she is able to leave school at 10:30 to work at Big E's until around 2. This allows her to earn money, learn about responsibility, and still have time for homework and softball. Gail Canon runs the program and told us it's especially important in this economy.

News **03/23/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Students attending Holyoke Community College seem excited about a new program that leads to a four year degree. The Presidents of Elms College and Holyoke Community College made history when they signed the agreement having community college students complete their four year degree under the auspices of the Elms. They'd actually complete the final two years on the Campus of Holyoke Community College. And that appeals to the students who'll start the program next fall. The program's biggest selling point by far, would be the thousands of dollars they'll save by completing their education through the Elms College. Just 25 Holyoke community college students can sign up for the program starting this fall. A program that is leading to a four year degree at an estimated savings of \$20,000 that is if they had spent four years at a private college.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Environment during the 1st quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 01/07/10 6pm : 30

Greenfield now has some answers about using its wastewater to cool a proposed biomass power plant. If Greenfield sold its wastewater to cool the plant, many worry that contaminants from that water would be vaporized and released into the atmosphere. Greenfield's Mayor, Bill Martin says they just completed a test looking for 128 chemicals. Only one was found, but the amount was 56 times lower than the Osseo standards. They've also found a company that will study what pharmaceuticals and other personal care chemicals are in the water. Martin hopes this will answer some peoples concerns.

News 03/04/10 11pm : 30

Another local city is doing its part to go green. Holyoke is working towards a "green community" designation. The pioneer valley planning commission held a free workshop tonight at Holyoke Community College for local contractors and municipal officials. The director of planning development said even though the city isn't officially recognized as "green," Holyoke is certainly on its way.

News 03/29/10 5:30pm : 30

We're expecting several inches of rain between today, tomorrow, and Wednesday. As a result, local streams and rivers are expected to rise. And the possibility of flooding here in western Massachusetts is very real.

News 03/31/10 5am : 30

Mill River in Northampton rose about a foot in 24 hours. The Westfield and Chicopee rivers will also continue to rise today. Residents should be careful because the rivers will be running high and fast and will be loaded with debris through the weekend. U.S. Senator Scott Brown will be in Agawam today to discuss flooding with the manager of MEMA.

News 03/31/10 5:30pm : 30

This week's drenching rains are responsible for one of Western Massachusetts' most spectacular sights. The spillway falls at the Quabbin Reservoir is in all its glory gushing water down into the Swift and Chicopee rivers at the rate of 20 million gallons per hour. Thanks to the heavy rain, the Quabbin is overflowing into the spillway, creating this natural phenomenon that thrills visitors.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Health during the 1st quarter 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 01/04/10 5:30pm : 30

The Massachusetts health department has indicated it has plenty of the swine flu vaccine to go around but do you know how to access it. While public clinics are ongoing, you can also check in with your primary care provider. If your primary care provider temporarily runs out of the vaccine, contact either Baystate Medical Center or Holyoke Health Center so they can point you in the right direction. Still, some people say they're just not interested in getting it.

News 01/10/10 11pm : 30

There's strong evidence of weakening concern over Swine Flu here in Western Massachusetts. Even those who rolled up their sleeves at the Calvary Baptist Church clinic realize that Swine Flu isn't quite as scary as it seemed a few months ago. But these folks told 22News that fear of the H1N1 virus is still a matter of some concern. Public health nurse Patricia Abbott's disappointed more people didn't show up and use this occasion for protect themselves. Especially since public health people expect at least another round of swine flu illness this winter.

News 01/21/10 5:30pm : 30

Government officials are still urging people to get vaccinated against the H1N1 virus. This clinic was not nearly as packed as the last clinic that they had before Thanksgiving, which had lines that swirled throughout the campus center. But Karen Dunbar Scully of the University's Health Services told 22News that they weren't expecting this one to be as popular. She said that much of their student population has been vaccinated against H1N1. She said this clinic was just to make sure that anyone who hadn't got the shot did especially transfer or foreign students.

News 02/10/10 12pm : 30

Gov. Deval Patrick is ordering health insurance companies in Massachusetts to submit proposed rate increases for small businesses so they can be reviewed by the state. The governor says any proposed increase higher than 3.2 percent which is the current level of medical inflation" will be challenged." Patrick acknowledged the proposal is aggressive but contends we need to give small businesses a break until the state can implement payment reform aimed at controlling costs.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Jobs during the 1st quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 01/07/10 5pm : 30

Layoffs appear to be easing for the first time but unemployment claims are up slightly according to the latest figures. First time unemployment claims rose just barely last week, after dropping for 18 weeks. Part of that is due to seasonal workers in the area, like retail who are laid off after the holidays. As for more jobs locally in the New Year, a lot of employers aren't putting out the hiring sign. They're a little nervous, they're a little afraid to start hiring until they're certain that their fiscal realities are going to be secure for a while. New unemployment figures due out on Friday are expected to show the nation's jobless rate up slightly from 10% to 10.1%.

News 01/21/10 12pm : 30

Massachusetts' unemployment rate jumped to 9.4 percent in December after dropping for two consecutive months. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported Thursday that the unemployment rate was up from a revised rate of 8.7 percent in November, which still remains below the national average of 10 percent. The number of jobs was down 8,400 last month, driven by a loss of 5,000 in the trade, transportation and utilities sector; 3,400 in leisure and hospitality; and 3,300 in retail. Construction lost 1,800 jobs after gaining jobs in the previous two months. The education and health services sector added 1,000 jobs in December, the third consecutive monthly gain. Financial services also added jobs for the first time since May.

News 01/21/10 5:30pm : 30

Governor Patrick is working to curb the rising unemployment rate by investing in green jobs. Today the Governor announced that \$6 million in federal funding will go toward green job training for unemployed and underemployed workers across the state. The cash will train them in the fields of energy efficient building, construction and retrofit, renewable electric power, and bio-fuels. Governor Patrick says the money will train about 1,400 people.

News 01/22/10 5pm : 30

8,000 more Bay Staters reluctantly jumped on the economic roller coaster ride last month. And people were hit even harder in December. The unemployment rate shot up to 9.4%. Career consultants at Future Works hope to help reverse the troubling trend. In 2009, it helped more people looking for jobs than in 14 years. In fact, the health sector added 1,000 jobs, while all told 8,400 people got pink slips last month. On the heels of that news the governor promised to fight for more jobs.

News 01/25/10 6pm : 30

New labor department numbers indicate unemployment's shot up to record levels in Massachusetts in the last ten years. But not everyone is throwing in the towel, people are taking on new challenges to re-enter the job market. Whatever it's the recession or the changes in technology, the job market is competitive but lots of people are willing to fight to get in it. Maybe it's the recession, or maybe it's the demanding job skills employers are requiring. Whatever the reason, in the last decade average employment in Massachusetts fell by 55,000 jobs, nearly 2% than what it was at the start of the decade. Computer training classes are filling up fast at career centers. Kevin Lynn from Future Works insists it's these people, taking the initiative to learn a new skill that will land jobs when the recession loosens up, making it a better decade for Massachusetts. Career centers like Future Works are filled with people sharpening their skills so if you are interested, you'll want to get your name in as soon as possible.

News **01/28/10** **6pm** **: 30**

It's a fresh sign the economic recovery is slow. New unemployment numbers reveal weakness in the job market, and local job seekers are paying the price. The Labor Department says new claims for unemployment benefits fell less than expected last week. The number dropped by 8,000 to 470,000 claims, far from what analysts had hoped for which was 450,000. Future Works Career Center in Springfield says there are no signs yet of improvement locally. Kevin Lynn told 22news, the high unemployment in the greater Springfield area stems from a lack of job creation and a skill gap among job seekers. Lynn says it will likely take as long as a year before the local job market shows some significant improvement. If you need help finding a job log on two our website for a link to the sites of career centers in our area.

News **02/09/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The recession may be over but the job market is still tough, especially for college students just entering the workforce. The Stockbridge School is a two year agricultural program at UMass Amherst. They held a career fair today in the Campus Center to give students the chance to meet with employers. Over 40 companies were there and each were hiring. Students told us they feel well prepared to enter the workforce after studying at the Stockbridge School.

News **02/27/10** **9am** **: 30**

Six Flags New England is looking to hire. At a time when the jobless rate in Massachusetts is so high, it's no wonder seasonal jobs is in great demand. It's all just fun and games until, that is, you're of age to get paid to be there. It may be hard to imagine applying for a job at a theme park when there's still snow on the ground. But those people who worked at Six Flags New England last summer say they're not wasting any time securing their job for this year. It may be fun, but applicants dressed to impress hoping to land a job. The park will open its gates for the season on April 10th.

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If you're one of the millions of people relying on extended unemployment benefits you need to hear this next story. The national budget deficit is expected to hit a record of \$1.56 trillion this year as of today the government is cutting your extended unemployment benefits to fill that gap. Up until March 1st those who still didn't have a job after 26 weeks of State-funded unemployment benefits could apply for federal benefits. It included an extra 73 weeks of unemployment checks. Experts recommend you keep your resume up to date and expand your skill set. As of today 1,000,000 people have lost their extended benefits experts fear that number could jump to 5,000,000 people by June if the Senate doesn't pass the bill.

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High unemployment figures are not only plaguing adults, but they could soon be plaguing teens when they start looking for summer jobs. It's only March, but some teens are already worrying about finding a summer job. Here at Future Works, they say this year's summer job market is just as difficult as it was last year. They say adults are still going to be competing with teens for those summer jobs. There is going to be employers out there that are hiring, but it's going to be harder. One thing you can do whether you're a youth or an adult is get prepared. Future Works offers many free services to help both adults and teens find jobs. They say in order to get a job in this economy, you have to stand out.

News

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Microsoft is teaming up with Massachusetts to give residents free training that could boost their resumes. Microsoft is offering 26,000 free training vouchers to Massachusetts residents who are trying to be more computer literate. The vouchers can get people online course training for Microsoft products like, word excel, power point, and other applications. The vouchers will also cover free certification tests. Workers at the Hampshire Franklin Career Center, where the local announcement was made today, say having those computer skills are essential for job seekers. People will be able to take the courses anywhere.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Smoking during the 1st quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News

02/26/10

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The town of Amherst is considering a ban on outdoor smoking. It's a four page proposal that would ban smoking in outdoor spaces where food or beverage is being served by an employee, at a public hearing held by the Amherst board of health on the matter one restaurant owner said, if passed, he'd fix the problem by not serving food out on the patio. And that would mean no smoking for special events held here on the town common like the taste of Amherst, and the 19th annual Extravaganza Festival that celebrates cannabis use which is scheduled to be held in April. It is a good discussion to have whether it needs this type of regulation. The matter is expected to be decided on in March.

News

03/01/10

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President Obama had his first physical since he took office, but his doctors reportedly told him to quit smoking and one health organization is pointing out why he should take their advice. It's no secret cigarettes are bad for you and President Obama's doctors told him kick the bad habit. Action on Smoking and Health took the doctor's orders as an opportunity to remind people about the dangers. The nation has made many strides in its anti-smoking efforts about 40 states now or soon will ban smoking in most public workplaces.